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SUBJECT: COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER (CAC)

REFS: A) STATE 108108 B) WARSAW 3619

1. SUMMARY - AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSIST-
ANT SECRETARY GANLEY AT HIS OWN REQUEST ON MAY 2 TO CONVEY
WARSAW'S REPLY TO DR. GANLEY'S APRIL 27 DEMARCHE (REF B).
DR. GANLEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF WARSAW'S ASSURANCE THE
CAC WILL BE AN OPEN FACILITY BUT ASKED CONFIRMATION OF TWO
REMAINING POINTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID WARSAW HAS AUTHORIZED HIM TO INFORM DR.
GANLEY: A) THERE WILL BE NO CLASSIFIED RESEARCH IN THE CAC;
ALL RESEARCH CONDUCTED THERE WILL BE OPEN; B) AT PRESENT,
THEY ARE CONSIDERING WHICH AREAS OF ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH
WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE CAC BUT, IN THIS CONNECTION, IT
SEEMS NATURAL THAT ALL RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY SHOULD BE REP-
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RESENTED THERE; AND C) THERE WILL SOON BE A MEETING BETWEEN
MINISTER KALISKI AND AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE AT WHICH THE POLES
WILL EXPLAIN ALL ASPECTS OF THE RESEARCH PLANNED FOR THE
CAC. CONCLUDING, SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED A HOPE THIS POSITION
WOULD BE SATISFACTORY AND STRESSED THE GOP'S DESIRE TO AD-
HERE STRICTLY TO THE CAC AGREEMENT.

3. TO DR. GANLEY'S QUESTION, SPASOWSKI CONFIRMED THAT HIS MESSAGE FROM WARSAW HAD BEEN WRITTEN BEFORE THE KALISKI-SCHAUFLE MEETING (REF B) AND THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPORT OF THAT MEETING. IT WAS THUS CONCLUDED THAT THE MEETING REPORTED IN REF B WAS THE ONE TO WHICH SPASOWSKI'S MESSAGE REFERRED.

4. DR. GANLEY EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE POLISH RESPONSE CONVEYED BY AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI AND BY MINISTER KALISKI TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE. HE VOICED PERSONAL THANKS TO AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI FOR HIS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION OF OUR CONCERN TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. SUMMARIZING FOR SPASOWSKI THE ESSENCE OF KALISKI'S MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE, GANLEY POINTED TO THE GOP'S REAFFIRMATION OF ITS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE CAC AS A COMPLETELY OPEN FACILITY AND ITS WISH TO ACCOMMODATE US CONCERN IN THIS RESPECT. HE OBSERVED THERE IS A PREFERENCE ON THE PART OF THE POLES TO PUT SPACE RESEARCHERS IN THE CAC BUT SAID IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POLISH POSITION NOW IS TO REFRAIN FROM DOING THIS IF THE US SIDE OBJECTS. CONTINUING THAT IT IS INDEED OUR STRONG PREFERENCE NOT TO HAVE SPACE RESEARCHERS THERE, DR. GANLEY SAID DR. ATKINSON HAD JUST RE-CONFIRMED THIS TO HIM. DR. GANLEY SAID WE WANT ONLY PURE SCIENTISTS AND NOT SPACE RESEARCHERS TO OCCUPY THE CAC AND REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO MAIN-
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TAINING IT AS AN OPEN FACILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH IN ASTRONOMY.

6. CLARIFYING A POINT, SPASOWSKI SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NO SCIENTISTS HAVE YET MOVED INTO THE CAC. HE FURTHER REMARKED THAT THE US SEEMS TO SEPARATE ASTRONOMY AND SPACE RESEARCH, WHEREAS THE POLES HAD THOUGHT TO PUT BOTH ACTIVITIES UNDER ONE ROOF. NEVERTHELESS, SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT WE NOW HAVE A SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION, TO WHICH DR. GANLEY REPLIED THAT "WE ARE VERY CLOSE".

7. SPASOWSKI ADDED THAT WHEN DR. ATKINSON IS IN WARSAW HE WILL BE SHOWN THE PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF THE CAC AND WILL BE FULLY INFORMED ABOUT POLISH PLANS FOR ITS USE. DR. GANLEY POINTED OUT THAT DR. ATKINSON HAS STILL NOT DECIDED ABOUT GOING TO POLAND AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, BEFORE DR. ATKINSON GOES, WE CAN AGREE IN PRINCIPLE HOW TO PROCEED ON USING THE CAC, LEAVING THE DETAILS TO BE DISCUSSED LATER.

8. RECAPITULATING, DR. GANLEY SAID WE ACCEPT POLISH ASSURANCES ABOUT MAINTAINING THE CAC AS AN OPEN RESEARCH FACILITY, BUT WE NEED CONFIRMATION OF THE GOP'S ACCEPTANCE OF

THE REMAINING TWO POINTS IN OUR POSITION: 1) WE CONTINUE

TO OBJECT TO HAVING ANY SPACE RESEARCHERS IN THE CAC AND
2) WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY LOCATION THERE OF
OTHER PURE SCIENTISTS BUT ONLY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
WHEN ASTRONOMERS NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE, THESE TEMPORARY
OCCUPANTS WILL BE MOVED OUT. STRESSING OUR UNDERSTANDING
OF THE POLISH DESIRE TO FIND SPACE FOR ITS SCIENTISTS AND
THAT OUR CONCERN RELATES ONLY TO THE SPACE RESEARCHERS,
DR. GANLEY MADE CLEAR THAT WE NEED A RESPONSE TO THESE
POINTS BEFORE WE CAN CONFIRM DR. ATKINSON'S VISIT. SPASOW-
SKI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND AGREED TO REPORT THIS TO
WARSAW.

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9. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT A RESPONSE VIA SPASOWSKI,
IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR EMBASSY WARSAW TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION
AS WELL FROM MINISTER KALISKI. VANCE

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